



**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2194  
Docket No.: 1359.1049**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Akira KUDO, et al.

Serial No. 09/874,283

Group Art Unit: 2194

Confirmation No. 6300

Filed: June 6, 2001

Examiner: Van H. Nguyen

For: **COLLABORATION APPARATUS BETWEEN INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEMS, INTEGRATED INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM, AND RECORDING MEDIUM STORING A COLLABORATION PROGRAM BETWEEN INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEMS**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT ON SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted for filing with an RCE being filed concurrently herewith. This Preliminary Amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed August 9, 2005 having a shortened period for response set to expire on November 9, 2005, and the Advisory Action mailed December 8, 2005. A petition and fee for a three-month Extension of Time is enclosed, thereby extending the response period to February 9, 2006.

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: